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Dear Madam or Sir,

On behalf of the EcoRegion partners and the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, which is currently holding the chair of the CBSS-Expert Group "Baltic 21", I have the honour to invite you to the

"The Baltic Sea Region - on the way towards the world's first EcoRegion?"

Success stories, future challenges",

which will take place on 16 - 17 November 2011 in Gdynia, Poland.

The conference shall form a debate on the development in the process of growth and integration of all regions around the Baltic Sea and present the main policy conclusions & recommendations drawn from the work of "EcoRegion". It will also serve as an opportunity to award the most outstanding "good practices" in sustainable development throughout the Baltic Sea Region, of which more than 200 have been brought together by all 22 EcoRegion partners during the course of the last three years.



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The conference is organised under the auspices of our Ministry and will be attended by the CBSS Expert Group and other transnational, national and regional policy-makers and experts from all Baltic Sea Region countries involved in sustainable development issues. Furthermore other invited speakers are the CBSS Baltic21 Head of Unit as well as representatives from DG Regio, HELCOM, VASAB and ICLEI. A total of 150 participants is expected.

The project, funded by the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013, is a Baltic 21 Lighthouse Project as well as a flagship project of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. Its overarching objective was to improve sustainable development policy at the regional level. The conference in Gdynia is the last in a series of numerous workshops and conferences fostering inter-regional, cross-sectoral and sector-regional dialogue.

A declaration will be adopted by the EcoRegion partners during the conference. The draft declaration will be sent to all registered participants in due course and there will be the possibility to make comments and proposals.

Please save the date and discuss future challenges on the way towards the world's first EcoRegion with us!

I will provide you with the finalized agenda in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



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